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SUBJ: ECONADS: REPORT ON MEETING OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

REF: A) USNATO 1004; B) USNATO 1174; C) STATE 56005

1. IN DISCUSSING REPORT ON MEETING OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (ED/EC/75/9), ALL ECONADS AGREED TI IS A USEFUL SUMMARY WHICH WILL ASSIST ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IN PLANNING FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WAS LIMITED SINCE MOST MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S., STILL REVIEWING REPORT. UK REP, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT US VIEW THAT "IMPLICATIONS OF INCREASED WESTERN DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS" WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL TOPIC FOR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE STUDY. UK REP RECALLED THAT AT FEBRUARY 20-21 MEETING FRG PARTICIPANTS HAD SAID THEY ASCRIBED TOP PRIORITY TO ANALYSES OF VULNERABILITY OF ALLIANCE DUE TO STRONG DEPENDENCE OF ITS INDUSTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE TREATY AREA. UK IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS AND BELIEVES IT A TOPIC NTURAL AND IMPORTANT FOR DEFENSE ALLIANCE TO STUDY. COMMITTEE AGREED TO RETURN TO REVIEW OF REPORT NEXT MEETING, MARCH 20.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON REPORT BY MARCH 19.BRUCE

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